RESOLUTION NO. 2000-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 14. "THE CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2000"

WHEREAS, public libraries are a supplement to the formal system of free public education and deserve adequate financial support from government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, a viable statewide system of public libraries is essential to assist the schools, support children and to serve the general public in all local communities; and

WHEREAS, community public libraries are an important partner in providing a quality education for children and ensuring lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is served by providing adequate resources to properly fund public library facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, local public libraries throughout California need additional funding for the construction of new libraries and for the expansion and renovation of existing library facilities to better serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, the California State Library recently conducted a statewide survey which identified a need for over 425 local library projects at a cost in excess of \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, first priority is given to projects which are joint ventures between public libraries and the schools; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature and the Governor approved SB3, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000, authorizing \$350 million in State bonds to fund grants on a 65% state - 35% local match basis; and

WHEREAS, this measure will appear on the March 7 2000 statewide ballot as Proposition 14, and, if approved by California voters, will provide significant funding to address California's public library construction needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports the passage of Proposition 14, "The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction Bond Act of 2000," and encourages voters in the City of Lodi to approve this bond act on March 7, 2000.

Dated: February 2, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-13 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 2, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hitchcock, Land, Pennino and Mann (Mayor)

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Nakanishi

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

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City Clerk

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